

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A computer accessible medium comprising a plurality of instructions which, when executed:

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modify at least a first attribute corresponding to a first volume, the first volume corresponding to a computer system's backup state; and

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subsequent to modifying the first attribute, cause the first volume to be created on a first computer system to which the computer system's backup state is to be restored.

2. The computer accessible medium as recited in claim 1 wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed, modify the first attribute responsive to user input.

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3. The computer accessible medium as recited in claim 1 wherein the first attribute comprises a protection attribute.

4. The computer accessible medium as recited in claim 3 wherein the protection attribute comprises a redundant array of inexpensive disks (RAID) level.

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5. The computer accessible medium as recited in claim 3 wherein the protection attribute comprises whether or not the first volume is mirrored.

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6. The computer accessible medium as recited in claim 1 wherein the first attribute comprises a performance attribute.

7. The computer accessible medium as recited in claim 6 wherein the performance attribute comprises whether or not the first volume is striped.

8. The computer accessible medium as recited in claim 1 wherein the first attribute comprises a size of the first volume.
- 5 9. The computer accessible medium as recited in claim 8 wherein modifying the first attribute comprises reducing the size.
10. The computer accessible medium as recited in claim 8 wherein modifying the first attribute comprises increasing the size.
- 10 11. The computer accessible medium as recited in claim 1 wherein the first attribute comprises a type of the first volume, and wherein modifying the first attribute comprises changing the type.
- 15 12. The computer accessible medium as recited in claim 1 wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed, modify a second attribute corresponding to a first filesystem corresponding to the computer system's backup state.
13. The computer accessible medium as recited in claim 1 wherein the computer system's backup state comprises a configuration file, and wherein the configuration file comprises data describing the first volume and the first attribute, and wherein modifying the first attribute comprises changing the configuration file.
- 20 14. The computer accessible medium as recited in claim 13 wherein causing the first volume to be created comprises generating a restore procedure that the computer system executes.
- 25 15. The computer accessible medium as recited in claim 1 wherein the first volume is created as part of a restore of the backup state to the first computer system.

16. A method comprising:

modifying at least a first attribute corresponding to a first volume, the first volume
5 corresponding to a computer system's backup state; and

subsequent to the modifying, initiating a restore of the computer system's backup
state, including the first volume with the modified first attribute, to a first
computer system, wherein the restore comprises creating the first volume
10 on the first computer system.

17. The method as recited in claim 16 further comprising accepting user input specifying
the modification to the first attribute.

15 18. The method as recited in claim 16 wherein the first attribute comprises a protection
attribute.

19. The method as recited in claim 18 wherein the protection attribute comprises a
redundant array of inexpensive disks (RAID) level.

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20. The method as recited in claim 18 wherein the protection attribute comprises whether
or not the first volume is mirrored.

21. The method as recited in claim 16 wherein the first attribute comprises a performance
25 attribute.

22. The method as recited in claim 21 wherein the performance attribute comprises
whether or not the first volume is striped.

23. The method as recited in claim 16 wherein the first attribute comprises a size of the first volume.

24. The method as recited in claim 23 wherein modifying the first attribute comprises
5 reducing the size.

25. The method as recited in claim 23 wherein modifying the first attribute comprises increasing the size.

10 26. The method as recited in claim 16 wherein the first attribute comprises a type of the first volume, and wherein modifying the first attribute comprises changing the type.

27. A system comprising:

15 a first computer system configured to modify at least a first attribute of a first volume corresponding to a computer system's backup state, and wherein the first computer system is configured to subsequently initiate a restore of the computer system's backup state, including the first volume with the modified first attribute; and

20 a second computer system on which the computer system's backup state is to be restored.